CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 JANUARY 1989 AT 10:00 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), V. Baba, P. Fazio, D. Gold, B. Jenkins, G. Johns, M. Kusy, K. Lipke, B. MacKay, R. Rudin, C.Y. Suen, M.N.S. Swamy, A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

R.H. Pallen, E. Reyes

Absent:

A. Mohammad

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-88-01-21-D36, (revised)	GUIDELINES FOR SENATE EVALUATION OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTRES
SRC-89-01-05-D61	CONCORDIA RESEARCH CENTRES (Distributed by the Office of Research Services)
SRC-89-01-05-D62	SSHRC LETTER RE: COUNCIL MEETING - ALBERTA, 20 OCTOBER 1988 (Distributed by the Office of Research Services)
SRC-89-01-05-D63	COMMENTS ON `AN EXPLORATION OF THE FACTORS LIMITING GROWTH OF RESEARCH FUNDING AT CONCORDIA' - DOLORES GOLD

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair. Dr. R. Rudin, the SRC Humanities representative, was welcomed to the Committee.

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I. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 Under Item III of the December Minutes (`Support and Development of Research Centres'), the motions requesting that both Senate and the Senate Research Committee include a Centre Director as a member, were not recorded. The edited motions read as follows:

> "Moved that concrete efforts be made to ensure that membership of Senate include at least one Director of a University Research Centre."
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> "Moved that concrete efforts be made to ensure that membership of the Senate Research Committee include at least one Director of a University Research Centre."

1.2 It was moved and seconded (Baba, Suen) and unanimously RESOLVED:

> That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 1 December 1988, as corrected, be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

A. C.I.L. Announcement

2.1 The Chair stated that, at the last SRC meeting, Dr. Pallen had mentioned C.I.L.'s interest in sponsorship of University projects.

2.2 The Chair, referring to a letter from C.I.L., indicated that this is not a new program, but one which will continue to provide sponsorship of distinguished lectureships, matching employee donations, and continuation of interest in research grants (mainly on a cost-shared basis in the areas of Chemistry, Microbiology and Engineering).

B. Centre Directors Motion to Senate

2.1 It was reported that the motions regarding representation of a Centre Director on both Senate and the Senate Research Committee were forwarded to the Steering Committee of Senate. These will be returned to the SRC for further consideration.

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C. Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

2.1 Ms. Williams stated that four Networks of Centres of Excellence proposals were submitted from Concordia. Eighteen applications were submitted in which Concordia was affiliated.

The Chair also reported that he had received a report from Ms. Elaine Isabelle, Staff Director of the NCE Program, outlining the 156 proposals which had been submitted to the Program Directorate.

2.2 The Director of Research Services reported that Concordia had submitted three Canada Research Fellow applications to SSHRC and was awarded one fellowship to Dr. F. Shaver from Sociology.

2.3 Ms. Williams suggested that an invitation be extended to the President of SSHRC, Paule Leduc, to visit Concordia. The Committee was in agreement and the Chair will issue the invitation.

III. SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH CENTRES

A. Centre Directors' Response to Questionnaire

3.1 The Chair announced that the meeting of Centre Directors has been scheduled for 19 January 1989. The Centres Questionnaire will be the topic of discussion and comments from this meeting will be reported to the SRC in February.

B. Guidelines for Senate Evaluation of University Research Centres (SRC-88-01-21-D36, revised)

3.1 The Chair stated that the document was returned to the SRC from Senate's Steering Committee for reconsideration of amendments and faculty council responses.

3.2 The Chair indicated that, judging from faculty council responses, the sensitive point in the document appeared to be that of 'review'. He suggested editing the document in the following manner: modifying section IV on page three, and deleting the first two paragraphs on page four.

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3.3 The Committee agreed that this would be a suitable revision, however, there was some concern from Dr. Fazio that the Committee of Centre Directors had not been given the opportunity to analyze the document. It was suggested that the Centre Directors should be allowed to discuss the document at the 19 January meeting before proceeding any further.

3.4 After lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed to allow the Centre Directors more time for discussion of the revised document. It will then be brought back to the SRC in February.

IV. STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH FUNDING
(SRC-88-12-01-D59 and SRC-88-01-05-D36)

4.1 The Chair stated that comments on `An Exploration of the Factors Limiting Growth of Research Funding at Concordia' were received from D. Gold, however these were not yet incorporated into the document.

4.2 Dr. Gold discussed the main concerns presented in her document. These included Concordia not being viewed as a research-oriented institution, and the lack of support from service units toward research.

4.3 It was agreed that the Chair will revise the document incorporating the comments made by the Committee for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.